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SUBJ: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

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SUMMARY: CTD MET NOV 12-14. LDCS STRESSED  
INADEQUACY OF PART IV OF GATT WHILE DCS STRESSED NEED  
TO CONSIDER GATT REFORM WITHIN TNC. GATT  
SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN MTN PRAISED.  
PROTOCOL OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PRAISED  
WITH ONLY US DELEGATION EXPRESSING SKEPTICISM.

1. CTD MET NOV 12-14 WITH KEY SUBJECT BEING DC  
IMPLEMENTATION OF GATT PART IV AND POSSIBILITIES FOR  
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AMENDING PART IV AND OTHER PARTS OF GATT RELATING TO

LDCS. NUMEROUS DCS INCLUDING US INDICATED STEPS THEY HAD TAKEN SINCE LAST CTD MEETING. US INDICATED WE CONSIDERED WE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING PART IV OBJECTIVES DESPITE UNFAVORABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION. IN PARTICULAR CITED OUR CONTINUING ATTACHMENT TO OPENING TRADING SYSTEM, PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING GSP FOR JAN 1 IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMODITY POLICY ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. ON PREFERENCES, WE NOTED PRESIDENTIAL INTENTION DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES LISTED REFTEL (F) AND THAT CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARIES CONTINUING. WE ALSO DESCRIBED PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATION OF PRODUCT COVERAGE AND EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT COVERAGE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. US STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WARMLY RECEIVED EXCEPT BY EQUADOR AND NIGERIA, WHICH CRITICIZED DISCRIMINATORY (OPEC) ELEMENTS. EQUADOR ALSO CRITICIZED EC FOR LOME CONVENTION DISCRIMINATION.

2. GENERAL LDC POSITION WAS THAT WHILE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RECORD NOT ALL BLACK, THERE HAD BEEN MORE NEW RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED THAN LIBERALIZATION AND THAT PART IV COMMITMENTS NOT BEING MET-- PARTICULARLY STANDSTILL. THEY URGED THAT PART IV AND OTHER PARTS OF GATT RELATING TO LDCS NEEDED IMPROVEMENT AND THAT CTD SHOULD PLAY A ROLE THEREIN. DCS POINTED TO TOKYO DECLARATION LANGUAGE CONCERNING EVENTUAL EXAMINATION OF MODIFICATIONS OF TRADING SYSTEM IN MTN AND STATED CTD SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE. AS COMPROMISE, IT WAS AGREED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE FOR NEXT MEETING OF CTD A BACKGROUND NOTE ON EXPERIENCE OF CPS ON PART IV AS WELL AS A SUMMARY OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE IN CTD AND OTHER GATT BODIES WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS. THIS NOTE WILL BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT CTD MEETING IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

3. ON MTN, LDC CRITICIZED SLOW PACE (SOME USING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERM "PARALYSIS") BUT NEVERTHELESS, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP DECISIONS ON MARCH 1 DATE FOR OFFERS BY DCS.

4. ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LDCS IN MTN, MANY LDCS EXPRESSED WARM PRAISE FOR GATT PROGRAM. US AND ARGENTINA STRESSED NEED FOR CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN GATT AND UNCTAD TA PROGRAMS AS ALONG LINES REFTEL (C)

AND THIS POINT CLEARLY REFLECTED IN RECORD.

5. CONCERNING ITEM ON EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SEVERAL LDCS EXPRESSED VIEW  
THEIR ARRANGEMENT MAKING POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO  
EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
EC MADE OPENING STATEMENT SUPPORTING PROTOCOL AND  
EXPRESSING HOPES THAT MORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
WOULD PARTICIPATE. GREECE AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS SPOKE IN  
SUPPORT. USDEL EXPRESSED US SKEPTICISM OF VALUE OF PROTOCOL AND  
DOUBTS IT WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT  
TRADE IMPROVEMENT (ALONG LINES REFTEL (F) ADDING  
THAT US COULD SUPPORT NON-PREFERENTIAL MEASURES  
TO IMPROVE INTRA-LDC TRADE. GHANA AND YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERVENED TO NOTE THAT STATEMENT OF SOME COUNTRIES  
(READ USDEL) INDICATED NEED FOR REVIEW OF PART IV  
OG GATT WITH YUGOSLAV DELEGATION SAYING THAT THIS  
WAS GOOD EXAMPLE OF TYPE OF AMENDMENT YUGOSLAVIA  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN REVISED PART IV. DALE

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